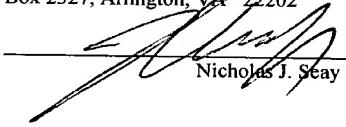


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Please add new Claims 20-22 as follows:

Sub C2 1. A C8-substituted purine nucleotide, wherein the purine nucleotide is substituted at the C8 position with a substituent other than H.

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